

Balancing Your World



WE WELCOME YOU TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

THE TEAR SHEET IN THE BULLETIN is provided for your convenience. As you arrive for worship, please fill it out including your prayer "joy and concern" as well as indicating your desire to participate in some of the ministries and activities provided by our church. Thank you!

WORSHIP IS CENTRAL to the life of our church. Next week, Rev. White concludes the series titled "Balancing Your World" with the sermon "Blessing All Creatures: Bring It!". In preparation, you are invited to read Psalm 124. *Join us at APR at 11:00am.*

Mission Statement

"The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World".

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Apple Pie Ridge Campus:
362 Apple Pie Ridge Rd
across from the elementary
school.

Children Are Important at First Church!

FUMC offers Children's Church during our 8:30 & 11am worship services. We also provide a nursery during our 9:45am Sunday School hour. For a list of upcoming Children's Church topics, please visit the information board located outside of the nursery, Room 105.

TODAY!!! Join the new small group, **New Voices** between the worship services. We will sing the songs we use in worship as well as others and learn more about contemporary worship practices.

NEXT SUNDAY,!!!! September 30th, there will be **One Worship Service** at 11am at our Apple Pie Ridge Campus, *Rain location is the Church Sanctuary.* Please bring your "Preparing the Ground Logs" and "Estimate of Giving Cards". Blessing of the Animals will also occur, followed by a Picnic Lunch served by Church Staff. **All are welcome. Please join us.**

A special thank you, my church family, for the cards, calls, prayers, and support you expressed to me during my fall and new body part. It is working as it should. God bless each of you.
Ron Shickle

Upcoming Events

Balancing Your World
Worship Series

Serving in Worship Next Sunday, September 30, 2018
Worship Leader: Janie Dickens-Bowman
Please note that next Sunday, there will be ONE service
At 11:00am at the Apple Pie Ridge campus.

TRAIN TO VOLUNTEER- Get ready for the next storm by training to become a member of an Early Response Team or a United Methodist Volunteers in Missions Team. Sign up in The Gathering Place. Please do not self-deploy, but rather become a part of a group able to interface with other trained relief workers.

TODAY! FUMC Basics

Join Rev. White to explore the basics of FUMC and UMC in The Gathering Place for the 2nd of 3 consecutive Sundays from 9:45 -10:45am.

Record of Giving

Please help us minimize the cost of postage and pick up your "Record of Giving" from the back of the Sanctuary.

FUMC 2nd Annual




**Ghoul with us Saturday, October 27th,
6:00pm in The Gathering Place**
Fun Food, Games,
Costume Contest and more!
Pre-K through Elementary Age

Kid's Fall Festival / Fundraiser

Mark your calendars ... **OCTOBER 20TH**
At the Apple Pie Ridge Campus from 11:00am - 2:00pm
Lots of fun, games and activities. Plenty of food. **COME JOIN IN THE FUN!!!!**



Sixty volunteers are needed in the preparation of the apples on the evening of Wednesday, October 17th. So sign up on the board in The Gathering Place. Join in the fun and fellowship of the **Apple Butter** effort. 

The United Methodist Men/Women are accepting donations toward the purchase of Apple Butter materials (sugar, Splenda, jars, apples). A collection jar is located at the back of the Sanctuary. *Thank you for your support.*

"Influence Worship 2018"

Sign up for the seminar on **Tuesday, October 30th from 9am-3pm**
Register by September 25th.
Sign up on the Tear Sheet.

Charge Conference - October 30, 7:30pm, the FUMC Sanctuary

The date and time of our annual Charge Conference is set by the Winchester District Superintendent each year. According to the *Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*, Church leadership for the coming year and clergy compensation must be approved at this meeting, as well as other church business agreed upon in advance by the Winchester District Superintendent. The voting members of the Charge Conference are comprised of the Church Council members.
All are invited to attend and observe this UMC process.

COFFEE/LUNCH/DINNER WITH THE PASTOR

Join Rev. White at any, or all, of these fellowship opportunities.



Please see your Tear Sheet for dates and to sign up!

Tear Sheet

Visitors & Members

Please fill out as applicable, then hand to the
Worship Leader during the first song.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

- Visitor: 09/23/2018
- Wish to become a Member
- Am a Member
 - [Please update my info!](#)
- Desire a Call/Visit

Prayer Request, Joy, Concern

Submitted by: _____

Phone: _____

- Do not read aloud
- Please share with congregation
- For Church Prayer Chain

ABBREVIATION LEDGER

APR - Apple Pie Ridge Campus

FUMC - First United Methodist Church

GF - General Fund

HO - Hunger Offering

LVT - Lay Visitation Team

NT - New Testament

OT - Old Testament

RNP - Reaching New People

STZ - Stanza

TFWS - The Faith We Sing

TGP - The Gathering Place

UMC - United Methodist Church

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal

UMM/W - United Methodist Men/Women

Please note that the Order of Worship will be displayed on the screen above the altar.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Balancing Your World

During September, the scripture passages we'll use in worship contain images of planting, mountains, sky, harvest, and blessing. In worship this month, we have the opportunity to think about the created world and our relation to it. The scriptures also provide us with the opportunity to think about financial blessings and our relationship with possessions and money. In some way, God has created the world and has given each of us not only the gift of life, but abundant resources of all kinds. God has given us these things, so we need to be respectful toward God in how we use them.

Just as a broken washing machine clanks along, so too people in this world clank along without thinking about their impact on the environment or how they can both experience personal freedom, and bless others, by giving. A walk in the woods or swim in the ocean reveals reckless littering. Buying things you don't want, to impress people who don't care, with money you don't have, reveals thoughtless spending. None of those things bring happiness.

Fortunately, there is an alternative. Jesus can help bring balance to our lives. As Michael Slaughter states, "We can live well, in a world that is well served." My take-- by caring for our corner of the planet, and by blessing others through our giving, we can experience the freedom and joy that God wants each one of us to have. We can lead a more balanced life. Be on the lookout for a letter from me inviting you to participate in this series. I hope to see you each Sunday during, "Balancing Your World"!

Week 1: September 2:

Planting Sunday: Good Beginnings - Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Week 2: September 9:

Mountain Sunday: Protection and Care Psalm 125

Week 3: September 16:

Sky Sunday: Recklessness Psalm 19

Week 4: September 23:

Harvest Sunday: Cultivation and Fruits Psalm 1

Week 5: September 30: (*Outdoors at APR at 11:00*)

Blessing All Creatures: Bring It! Psalm 124

Prayer Concerns

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers:

Andy Kiser, Reba Cooper, Nancy Crim, Phyllis Lee, Emily Dick, Herbert Darr, Phyllis Steele, Tabby Starks, Amy and Stanley Barnes, Elsie Benegar, Stuart Perry, Oline Wright, Bob Gray, Phil Peel, Randi Ewing, Cassey & Jeremy Nichols, Nancy Carper, the family and friends of Lennis, the family of Brian O'Neill, and all those effected by Hurricane Florence.

THIS WEEK (September 24 – September 30)

Monday - Noon, Lunch with the Pastor, Mission BBQ

Tuesday - Noon, Staff Meeting, The Gathering Place //
6:15pm, Finance Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday - 6:30pm, Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday - 1:00pm, Coffee with the Pastor, Espresso Café //
6:00pm, Dinner with the Pastor, TGI Fridays

Sunday - 9:45am, FUMC Basics - day 3, APR //

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 11:00am, APR

Followed by a Picnic Lunch served by Church Staff

LAST WEEK'S NUMBERS ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP: 8:30am: 61 **11:00am:** 68

Sunday School: 28 **Small Group:** 59

OFFERINGS TO GOD:

General Fund Received: \$ 5,371.20

GF Needed Weekly: \$ 6,367.00

GF Received Year To Date: \$ 185,762.46

GF Needed YTD: \$ 235,579.00

Hunger Offering: \$ 155.00

Hunger Offering YTD: \$ 6,500.24

Capital Improvements: \$ 155.00

A LOOK AHEAD

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events and keep an eye on your bulletin for more information!

October 2, Staff Meeting, The Gathering Place, Noon

October 3, Choir Rehearsal, Chapel, 6:30pm

October 4, Coffee with the Pastor, Espresso Café, 1:00pm

October 7, New Voices, The Gathering Place, 9:45am

October 8, Trustees Meeting, Parlor, 6:00pm

October 8, John Handley High Choir Concert, Sanctuary, 7:00pm

October 8, Church Council Meeting, Chapel, 7:15pm

October 10, Staff Meeting, The Gathering Place, 6:00pm

October 10, Choir Rehearsal, Chapel, 6:30pm

October 10, Bible Study, The Dick Residence, 6:30pm

October 11, Coffee with the Pastor, Espresso Café, 1:00pm

October 11, Computer Class, The Gathering Place, 6:00pm

October 14, New Voices, The Gathering Place, 9:45am

October 14, First Feeds, Kitchen, 11:00am

October 14, UMM/W Meeting, Fellowship Hall, Noon

October 15, November Newsletter Articles Due

October 16, Staff Meeting, The Gathering Place, Noon

October 16, Worship Committee Meeting, Parlor, 7:00pm

Sign Me Up!!!

SMALL GROUPS

If you are able to make it to one, some or all of these member/guest events, please let us know by checking the box(s) below.

"INFLUENCE WORSHIP 2018" SEMINAR

- I will attend the livestream seminar on October 30th. Please register me.

APPLE BUTTER

Count me in for:

- Apple Prep - Wednesday evening, October 17th
 Cooking - Friday night, October 19th

Bobby Dick can contact me at

_____ (phone)

FALL FESTIVAL

- I would like to help with the Kid's Fall Festival on October 20th.

Angie Palombi can contact me at

_____ (phone)

KID'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

on Saturday, October 27th, 6:00pm at The Gathering Place.

- Count us in!*
Number of children _____

JOIN THE PASTOR

- Coffee with the Pastor**, Every Thursday, Espresso Bar and Café, Downtown Walking Mall, 1:00pm
- Lunch with the Pastor**, on the fourth week of September, Monday, September 24th, Mission BBQ, 12:00pm
- Dinner with the Pastor**, on the fourth week of September, Thursday, September 27th, TGI Fridays, 6:00pm